



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK AND RECORD BOOK SYSTEMS (Circular NMC7.2020 (rev2))

### (A) PURPOSE:

This marine circular provides guidance for vessels flagged with the Niue Ship Registry (NSR) on the use of electronic log books as required by national requirements (e.g., Official Log Book) and SOLAS (e.g., Deck and Engine Room log books), as well as electronic record books under MARPOL.

### (B) DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "IMO" - International Maritime Organization
- "MARPOL" - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973/78
- "[RO](#)" - Recognized Organization, as defined by MSC.349(92) / MEPC.237(65)
- "SOLAS" - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974
- "FAL" - Facilitation Committee
- "ISM" - International Safety Management (ISM Code)
- "ISO" - International Standards Organization
- "MEPC" - Marine Environment Protection Committee
- "MSC" - Marine Safety Committee
- "STCW" - International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
- "VDR" - Voyage Data Recorder

The term "Administration" shall mean the Niue Ship Registry.

### (C) REFERENCES:

1. IMO MSC/Circ.982, Guidelines on Ergonomic Criteria for Bridge Equipment and layout.
2. IMO Resolution A.916(22), Guidelines for the recording of events related to navigation.
3. Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2017, Official Log Book Entry
4. MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3, dated 04 April 2025, Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management
5. IMO Resolution MEPC.312(74), Guidelines for the use of electronic records under MARPOL.
6. ISO Standard 8468
7. IMO Resolution MSC.86(70), adopted on 08 December 1998, Adoption of new and amended performance standards or navigational equipment.
8. STCW Regulation, Regulation I/14.1.5

### (D) APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all shipowner/operators with the intention to install electronic logbook and record book systems on board Niue flagged vessels.

### (E) CONTENTS:

An electronic data system for recordation and retention of Log Data may be used provided that the design of the equipment and software, including future updates, shall be such as to enable recording of information required by the applicable Conventions (SOLAS, MARPOL etc.) and the IMO Resolution A.916(22) (Guidelines for the Recording of Events Related to Navigation) and the system complies with the requirements and guidelines set by this Administration and/or IMO Resolutions.

The Administration will delegate the certification works of electronic systems to our RO and will also accept electronic systems approved by other Administrations.

## 1. REQUIREMENTS

Electronic Logbook and Record Book Systems, where the documentation requirements have been satisfied, may be applied when the following requirements are fulfilled in each case:

- 1.1. The workstation on the bridge where the deck logbook is available shall be designed in accordance with the principles given in MSC/Circ.982 and ISO Standard 8468.
- 1.2. Presentation of the deck logbook shall follow the requirements stipulated in Resolution MSC.86(70) and MSC/Circ.982/5.3.4.
- 1.3. Lighting of display and keyboard for the deck logbook shall follow the requirements stipulated in MSC/Circ.982/5.3.6 or ISO Standard 8468 para 6.3.4.
- 1.4. The installation of the equipment for the deck logbook shall not give rise to electromagnetic interference which will affect the proper function of navigational systems and equipment on board.
- 1.5. If technically feasible, all data entered into the electronic logbook system shall automatically be copied onto the vessel's VDR, if the vessel is so equipped.
- 1.6. All electronic records under MARPOL shall follow the requirements stipulated in Resolution MEPC.312(74).
- 1.7. The electronic log data system software shall provide verifiable security from tampering and inappropriate revisions of data along with back-up arrangements for both the system (means of recording log data) and the log data itself, once recorded.
- 1.8. The vessel shall implement the IMO MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3 "Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management", to safeguard the vessel from current and emerging cyber threats and vulnerabilities.

## 2. DOCUMENTATION:

The following documentation shall be carried on board and be presented upon request during Port State Control inspection or other authorized vessel inspections:

- 2.1. A declaration of MARPOL electronic record book shall be issued by the RO on behalf of the Administration for any electronic system deemed to meet the criteria stipulated in Resolution MEPC.312(74).
- 2.2. A declaration from the owner/operator that the officers on board have received training in accordance with STCW Convention, Regulation I/14.1.5, and that routines for safekeeping of the logbooks are implemented in the ship's ISM system.
- 2.3. For the purpose of meeting the intent of the logbook requirement to be maintained in bound volumes, the Administration shall accept a hard copy (printout) of each day's entry of Log Data, duly signed and dated by the Master or Officer designated by the Master to make such entries, and retained in monthly binders onboard the ship for the duration as specified below:
  - 2.3.1. The logs shall be forwarded to the shipowner and/or operator at the termination of each voyage, or not less frequently than semi-annually.
  - 2.3.2. All such logs shall be retained for a period of at least two (2) years from the date of receipt, and in the event of a casualty occurring during a voyage covered by such logbooks, they shall be retained for so long as instructed by the Administration.

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